

Greater Des Moines: Strengthened by Harkin-Led Investments to Improve the Quality of Life in Central Iowa

“What makes Iowa great is its communities, which are strengthened by investments that create jobs, foster economic development, and improve the health and wellbeing of its residents. Local economies are stronger with these investments. I am proud of every project I have worked on that has helped this region.”—Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)



(Photo caption: Senator Harkin toured the Science Center of Iowa in 2005.)

Des Moines has consistently been considered one of our nation’s best places to live and raise a family, in no small part because of the work of civic leaders, businesses, and others, to improve the quality of life in Des Moines. Over his career, Senator Harkin has been pleased to be able to contribute to this effort by supporting projects that have made Des Moines an attractive place to find a job and raise a family. Some of these accomplishments include:

Principal Riverwalk: Working with Principal Financial, other members of the Congressional delegation, and community leaders, **Harkin helped secure significant federal funds to construct the Principal Riverwalk** along the Des Moines River in downtown Des Moines. Completed in 2013, the project includes a 1.2 mile multipurpose trail improving the quality of life in downtown Des Moines.

World Food Prize: Located in downtown Des Moines, the World Food Prize is one of the jewels of the Midwest and an integral part of the bioscience corridor in central Iowa. **Harkin was pleased to help secure more than \$3.5 million** in federal funds to help the World Food Prize relocate in the old Des Moines public library.

Arts and Science: The Des Moines Arts Center and the Science Center of Iowa attract thousands of visitors annually. As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that oversees education and museums, **Senator Harkin has secured more than \$3.6 million for these institutions.**

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